

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 21 and 22 have been canceled and claim 23 has been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

***I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER***

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-20 and the indicated allowability of claims 23 and 24, subject to being amended to independent form.

Claims 21 and 22 have been canceled and claim 23 has been amended to place it in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 23 is believed to be in a condition for allowance. Claim 24 depends from claim 23 and, thus, also is believed to be in a condition for allowance.

***II. CONCLUSION***

Accordingly, claims 1-20 and 23-24 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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